



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

March 7, 2011

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:17 p.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilor Jeff Eddins, Councilor Tim Poirier

Staff Members Present: Shawn Brown, Public Safety Director; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Mike Miller; Goley Boggs

Discussion of Closest Station Response

Chief Guffey stated that since the start of the closest station response they have not responded to as many calls as they had originally expected. They were dispatched to three calls into the county and the county was dispatched to five calls into the city. Guffey also explained that they were in the process of training with the other departments and hopes to continue on a six months basis.

Discussion of Firemen's Relief Fund

Chief Guffey explained that they pay an insurance premium for their employees and 1% of that is given back to the department and put into a Firemen's Relief Fund. That money can be used as incentives for volunteer firefighters, to provide scholarships or for firefighters that are in financial need. Guffey stated that they have a volunteer firefighter, Jeff Bouchelle, that has a special needs child. Since having their son 5 years ago, his wife can no longer work and the medical bills along with the medications have caused a financial hardship on the family. They cannot afford the upkeep on their house which is in desperate need. The roof and shingles need replacing, the HVAC unit went out last summer and throughout the winter they have been heating with space heaters. Their son requires a tremendous amount of medical equipment and also a recliner for a nurse to stay overnight to watch over their son while he is sleeping. All of this is kept in their sons bedroom and has caused it to be overcrowded. Guffey explained that Mike Miller has generously taken his time to ask for donations from various businesses and has received a lot of the needed items through donations and Mr. Miller is donating his time to help complete the project, but he would like to take \$5,000 from the Firemen's Relief Fund to cover the other expenses that were not donated.

Mike Miller stated that the siding and roofing has been donated and tomorrow he has someone working on getting the HVAC unit donated. He also wants to add onto the house to provide a bedroom large enough to keep all the medical equipment and needed items, which all of those materials have also been donated.

Councilor Eddins inquired if they have spoken with Planning in reference to permits?

Miller stated that as of now they do not have any permits, but they are planning to do that soon.

Councilor Eddins stated that the Town may be willing to waive the permit fees.

Chief Guffey inquired as to whether First Citizens Bank could set up a trust fund for individuals that wanted to make a donation for this cause.


Councilor Eddins said he would check into that and see what the bank could do.

Chief Guffey asked for a motion to be made for a withdrawal of \$5000 from the Firemen's Relief Fund to be used for non-covered expenses for this project.

Councilor Eddins made the motion, Poirier seconded the motion and all other parties accepted the motion.

Chief Brown asked if there were any other questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50



Town Manager or Admin. Asst.



Committee Chairman